

The scheme has been in operation since 1997-98 and will continue till 2001-2002.

In addition, Ministry of Home Affairs is also administering another scheme for Modernisation of Police Force for the entire country, including North East, under which funds are provided by the Central Government to States on a 50:50 matching basis. The allocation under this scheme during the current, financial year is Rs. 200 crores for the entire country. Prime Minister has recently announced enhancement of this amount to Rs. 1000 crores.

(c) Police Housing is a State subject. However, certain funds for the purpose have been provided under the Tenth Finance Commission Grants.

Founder members of AHEAD

2562. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a few employees of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) South Asia Regional Office, New Delhi, are among the founder members of the society, Asian Health Environmental and Allied Database (AHEAD), registered on 12th August, 1994, (No.S/26497) with the Register of Societies, Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the above employees became members as the representative of IDRC; and

(c) whether IDRC is associated with information and activities of AHEAD society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There is nothing on record to suggest that IRDC is

associated with the formation of the Society, except that three of its employees are its founder members in their individual capacity.

Membership of AHEAD

2563. SHRI A. VIJAY RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased *to* state:

- (a) whether any foreign citizens / organisations are/were members of the society called Asian Health Environmental and Allied Databases registered on the 12th August 2994 (No.S/26497) with the Registrar of Societies, Delhi; and
- (b) if so, the details of occupation and addresses of the above members of, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Whereas no foreign or Indian organisation was or is a iO*i*/ider-member of the Society in question, the Societies Registration Act, 1860 permits a foreign national to subscribe to the Memorandum of a society registered in India subject to the condition that Indian law will apply even if all the subscribers are foreigners. Hence, the Registrar of Societies, Delhi does not contain the information about the nationality of such persons.

- (b) Does not arise.

Freedom Fighters

†2564. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Freedom fighters in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the amount of expenditure being incurred on their pension, State-wise;

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.